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1. U.S. Patent No. 5,353,807, dated October 11, 1994, issued to DeMarco;
2. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 2001-179700, published July 3, 2001 together with an English language abstract;
3. Japanese Patent No. 3017770, dated December 24, 1999 together with English language abstract and corresponding U.S. Patent No. 5,681,260, dated October 28, 1997, issued to Ueda et al.;

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4. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2002-187100, published July 2, 2002 together with an English language abstract;
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6. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 8-503384, published April 16, 1996 together with corresponding European Patent Specification No. EP 0 651 667 B1, published May 10, 1995, International Publication No. WO 94/01165, published January 20, 1994 and U.S. Patent No. 5,318,557, dated June 7, 1994, issued to Gross.

References 2-6 was cited in a Search Report dated January 27, 2004 received from the Japanese Patent Office. References 2 and 3 are also cited in the specification. Applicants are submitting copies of references 2-6, together with a copy of the Search Report. The relevance of references 2-6 has been described in the Search Report. Reference 1 and the corresponding U.S. patents are not being submitted herewith, as copies of U.S. patents are no longer required per the waiver of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(i) in effect as of June 30, 2003.

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